



The President's Hebdomadal Blue Ribbon Newsletter



May 26 – July 31, 2019

Final 2018 - 19 Edition

Alleluia! He is risen!

My last newsletter (I hear you cheering!) will be brief. My final Lasallian thought is the same one I use every year at this time: a short excerpt from Saint John Baptist de La Salle's last Meditation for the Time of Retreat to the Brothers entitled: *On the reward that a Brother should expect in heaven, if he is faithful in the work.*

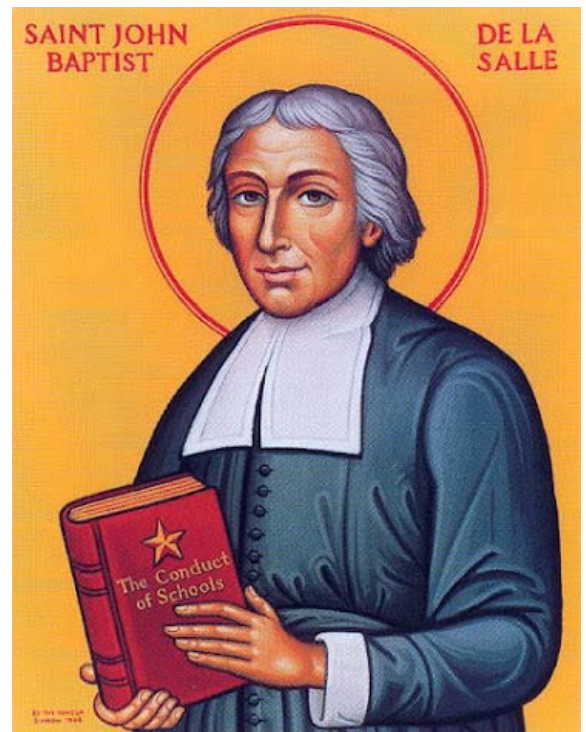
Saint La Salle wrote this meditation because the life of the early brothers was VERY hard – and he needed to assure them that Almighty God would one day reward them. He made sure they read this meditation yearly.

I shared the meditation with the faculty last week and asked them to believe that St. La Salle wrote the meditation for them, too, for their lives as teachers are challenging, and they need to believe Almighty God values them as they are doing His work.

I share the excerpt from the meditation with you, too, because as parents, you are the primary educators of your children as you lead them on the path to salvation. Your work as parent is hard, but it is God's work. I believe, therefore, that Saint La Salle's words apply equally to you, too:

Oh, what glory there will be for those who have instructed children, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with the thanksgiving which these blessed children will render to those who have taught them the road to heaven. Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself.

Thank you for your parental ministry. I am profoundly awestruck by the responsibility you have in raising your children. I am most grateful that you have allowed Saint Paul's to share in your parental teaching ministry. I am confident that the good work we have done this past year will help insure the truth of Saint La Salle's words for all of us when our day of judgment comes and that "all heaven" is resounding with the good example and instruction you provide to your children.



Thanks for 2018 - 19 and here's looking to 2019 - 20 – the ninth year of our second century!

Mon, May 27 – Sun, Aug 04 – You are on your own for TDIH, Whatever Days, and Weekly Humor!

I call the following to your attention in alphabetical order, not necessarily order of importance:

ACT Perfect Scores of 36 from April 13 Test: WOW! Congrats to the following!

- Brady Billiot—36 Reading
- Brenden Dauterive—36 English
- Cameron Dougherty—36 English
- Miles Gensler—36 English
- Frank Galeziowski—36 English
- Joseph Giberga—36 Reading
- Ian Kramer—36 Science, 36 English
- Andrew Lacoste—36 English
- Darrin Lea—36 English

Alumni Milestones: Our LSU grads:

- College of Agriculture: Dennis Carriere; Tom Huval
- E.J. Ourso College of Business: Zachary Buster, Peyton Cuccia, Jack Donham, Eric Fecke, Eric Guin, Alex Harp, Max Illing, Ryan O’Krepki, Casey Pendergrast, Jack Ruli, Michael Seaner, Lane Sumrall, & Cameron Warner.
- College of Engineering: Andrew Bennett, August Dixon, Kevin Durr, Joe Gaiennie, Ethan Gunter, Alfie Johnson, Everett Myers, Brent Neal, Blake Ricaldi, Chris Russo, Colin Savoie, Tyler Schott, Gio Sequeiria, Hunter Simon, Joe Tanner, & Trevor Watkins
- College of Human Sciences and Education: Chris Crespo, DC Lipani
- College of Humanities & Soc Sci: David Durand, Ben Hollingworth, & John Paul Lea
- Manship School of Mass Communications: Josh Nunez and Drake Pierce
- College of Science: Matthew Baldone, Michael Brands, Ian Conroy, Winston Duffour, Sean Gardner, Jeff Lemoine, Faiz Salaam, & Ben Toups
- Graduate School: Christian Caragliano, Jeffrey Duplantier, Nathan Kersker, Nick Lacoste, Chris Meraux, Antonio Otero, Jay Simoneaux, & Will Syll
- I apologize if I omitted anyone! Reading the list of graduates was taxing to my vision!



Senior pups prepare for Bark through the Arch!

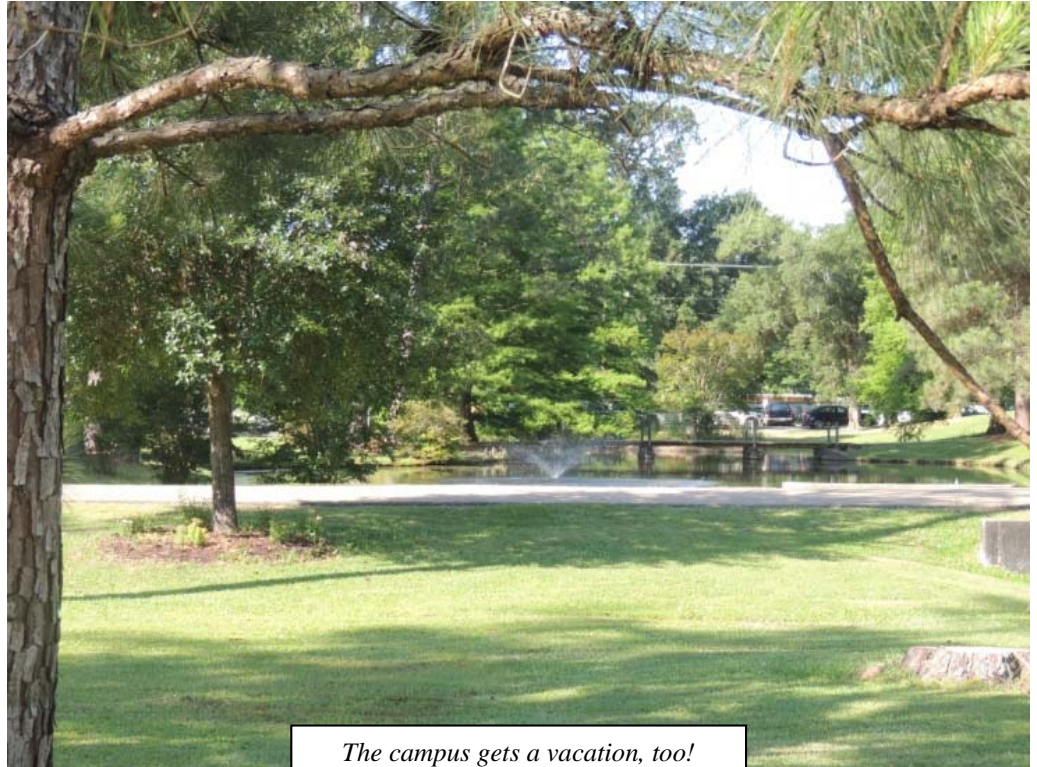
Annual Fund: One Last Appeal: If you have not contributed to the Annual Fund or supported SPS in any financial way and are in a position to do so, I would appreciate hearing from you as to “why” you have chosen not to. Perhaps it’s something I’ve done or not done and I would welcome the feedback. I have deliberately avoided having people call or directly solicit you as many other schools do with their annual funds. Again, I need your help to continue to make SPS the best school we can be because:

- **SPS cannot prosper** on tuition alone (which, BTW, is among the lowest of Catholic schools)

- **SPS tuition** is lower than almost every other boys' Catholic high school in the Archdiocese;
- **Faculty salaries** are lower than public school salaries and we cannot lose good teachers to finances;
- And we've gotten some nice **Grandparent gifts** lately. Thank you! Grandparent gifts are welcome and needed – and they are often happy to help if asked. I don't like to solicit grandparents so I rely on your to do so. They'll get a very nice "thank you" note from me. And if you want me to directly ask a grandparent, send me the address and name.
- Gifts of stock are welcome and no gift is too small.
- If you are contribute to Capital Campaign or supporting SPS in some other way, I understand! Thank you!
- Please consider helping **if you have not already done so and are in a position to do so.** Many thanks!

Archbishop Gregory Aymond's Message to the Young People of the Archdiocese: In the past, Archbishop Aymond issued the following end of the school year. While he didn't issue it again this year, it's worth reading again. I encourage our students to heed these words of the Archbishop:

- *I pray in a special way for each of the young people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Know that you are important to all of our ministries, in parishes, schools and other programs.*
- *I am aware of the educational experience you have received in regard to the use of electronic media. You know very well how to use the tools and you know intellectually the consequences when social media is not used respectfully.*
- *I want to reach out to you at the moral level and beg you to remember that it isn't how much you know that is crucial, but rather, the respect that you show for God, yourself, and others when you communicate through cell phones, computers, and other technology.*
- *Always treat other people in a manner that shows your awareness of their reflecting the image of God. In all ways let your friends, classmates, and acquaintances know that they are respected. Speak out if you know someone is being abused or bullied. Share the information with a parent, priest, or teacher who can step in and help. The Archdiocese has the staff available to help you in abusive or bullying situations.*
- *One of your many responsibilities at this time is to make choices which will allow you the opportunity to make decisions about your future education or career choices. Choose wisely. Choose only those opportunities and interactions which will give you a greater chance to achieve all of the goals you set for yourself and those which God has in store for you.*
- *If you need help, please let a member of the clergy, a Catholic School Administrator, a Director of Religious Education, or your Youth Minister know.*



The campus gets a vacation, too!

Assembly: I hope the students enjoyed our final President's Assembly on May 14. Here's what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to Jean-Joseph Mouret's "Rondeau" – the same piece we listened to on August 14 at the first assembly of the year. The Rondeau is a baroque piece of music which set the tone for our year of drama and excitement and majesty, and it certainly has been a year of drama, excitement and majesty! Baroque also means "rough, irregular pearl" – and I remind the students that our job this year was to take our pearls, shine and polish them, and make them "pearls of great price" – as the Gospel tells us. I also reminded the students that the next day was the traditional feast day of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, who was named on that day in 1950 as the Patron Saint of Teachers by Pope Pius XII. As soon to be senior **Zachary Ingram** lit the prayer candle, we remembered, as always, those who have entered God's kingdom since our last assembly: **Mr. Robert Gunnell, uncle of Mrs. Julie Beck and great uncle of William Hollywood, '22, Mr. Joseph Frannino, grandfather of Pepe Frannino '23, Mr. Ronald Charles Ducombs, grandfather of Trent Ducombs '21, and Mrs. Joan Keller, grandmother of Joey Keller '20, Jack Keller '23 and mother of five SPS alums and grandmother of numerous SPS alums**
- Reminded the students that our Mission Statement calls us to offer strong academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs in a safe and disciplined environment and to live the Gospel values of Jesus.
- Recognized and congratulated the Tennis Wolves for their great season: District and Regional Champs and 4th in State. Well done, Tennis Wolves!



- Recognized and congratulated the Golf Wolves for their great season: District and Regional Champs and 3rd in State! I am commended the Golf Wolves for their recent service project at Forest Manor Nursing Home, where they visited with the residents and helped serve dinner. Well done, Golf Wolves!



Golf Wolves finish 3rd in State!

- Recognized and congratulated the Baseball Wolves (see below for pic) for their thrilling semi-final win over Brother Martin. I played the final out of the game for the student body to hear. It was great. And, of course, the Wolves would go on that afternoon to win the state championship.
- Recognized and congratulated the Lacrosse Wolves who won the state championship two days before the assembly. The Wolves finished with an undefeated season! Gave special recognition to Ian Varney for being chosen MVP of the state championship game.
- Recognized and congratulated the Art classes for a fantastic art show. I projected a number of pictures of various art pieces.
- Recognized and congratulated the Music Wolves for their fantastic concert. Mr. Moran deserves heaps of kudos for developing marching, brass, and concert bands.

- Recognized and congratulated Wolves on Wheels for their great year. I projected pictures of the cars the boys built during the year and moderator John Carambat gave a summary of the successful W on W year.
- Recognized and congratulated a group of Saint Paul's students who were given the STEAM award to honor their achievements in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The medals come with a \$300 cash prize for the students. The award is from friends of David Carambat to honor his lifetime of Innovative Industrial design and encourage future engineers. The students are **Jacob Pichon, Louis Marion, Charles Sandoz and Evan Leaber.**



- Recognized and congratulated the FIRST Robotics team for their work over the past year.
- Recognized and congratulated the Debate and Speech Wolves for their great season.
 - In the Dutchtown High School tournament, Hal Fox earned second place in Advanced Lincoln Douglas debate. Also competing: Charlie Layman, Grant Harrison, Ian Kramer and Tyler Beard.
 - In the Baton Rouge Magnet Tournament, Hal Fox won second in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking and Tyler Beard and Ian Kramer won second in Public Forum Debate. Jack Hanks and John Bergeron also participated.

- In the Christ Episcopal Tournament, Hal Fox won first in Advanced Lincoln Douglas, John Bergeron and Jack Hanks earned third in Public Forum. First time Speech competitor Owen Crombie won third in Humorous Interpretation. Tyler Beard and Ian Kramer entered in Public Forum.



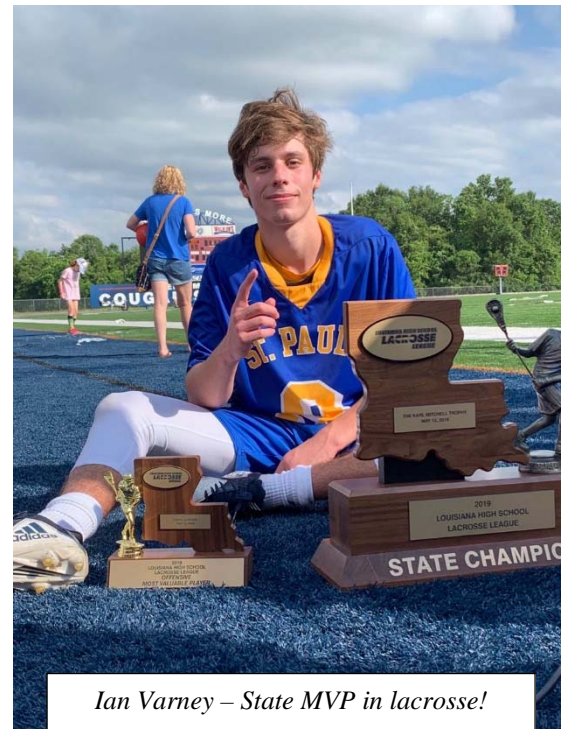
Debate team of Hal, Johnny, Jack & Owen show off their trophies.

- Recognized and congratulated the Fighting Math Wolves for their recent tournaments:
 - In the Episcopal (Baton Rouge) Math Tournament, 48 Fighting Math Wolves competed against 20 schools and 330 students.
 - Sam Gold won an HM in Algebra I
 - Andrew Hightower won an HM in Geometry
 - Walker Dubreuil & Thomas Bitterwolf won HM in Algebra II
 - Brenden Dauterive, Miles Gensler & Adam Smith won HM in Adv Math
 - Michael Philippe won HM in Calculus
 - Team of Daren Delaune, Josh Bearden, Connor Dodson & Ben Salvant won HM
 - Team of Adam Smith, Brady Billiot, & Alex Klochek won 3rd in Geometry
 - Team of Walker Dubreuil, Luke Beckendorf, Wesley Coles, & Evan Greene won 2nd in Alg II
 - Team Collin Murray, Brenden Dauterive, Josh Bonnett, & Jesse Cheng won 4th in Adv Math
 - Team of JP Bourgeois, Michael Philippe, Blake Ramsey, & Andrew Norlin won 3rd in Calculus
 - In the Catholic High Tournament (700 students from 33 schools), 35 FMWs did the following:
 - Zach Nicholas placed 4th in Geometry
 - Trey Paine placed 3rd & Walker Dubreuil won HM in Algebra 2
 - Adam Smith won HM in Adv Math
 - Connor Dodson, Carter Murphy, & Zach Nichols placed 1st in Comp 1
 - Adam Smith, Graydon Hall, & Cameron Dougherty placed 1st in Comp 2
 - Wesley Coles, Alexi Sotiropoulos, Walker Dubreuil, Trey Paine won 3rd in Alg II
 - Andrew Norlin, Jackson Gold, Ross Hightower, Hyde Healy won 2nd in Calculus
 - Overall? Sweepstakes 3rd place!
- Projected an email from a 2007 alum who is now living and working (successfully!) in San Francisco. Here is a part: *I was just writing to let you know I was thinking of you, St. Paul's, and some of the other Brothers today. I found myself listening to "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Here I am Lord" in traffic. It's been stuck in my head all day. It was certainly reminiscent of my years at one of the most influential places I've ever been. I can truly say SPS has made me the man I am today. I thank you for making the school what it is today and for it being such a positive influence on thousands of young men's lives. Keep up the good work and may Jesus live in our hearts forever!*

- Since we were running out of time, I called everyone's attention to the empty bleachers where the seniors sit and said it was time to fill those places. I asked the juniors if they were ready to assume the mantle of leadership at SPS; if they were ready to be role models for the student body; if they were ready to accept the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being seniors. They resoundingly replied "Yes, Brother, I'm ready!" I then said: *By the authority vested in me by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Board of Trustees of the Saint Paul's School, the Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana, I recognize and honor these young men as the Saint Paul's Senior Class of 2020 – the ninth class of our second century. With this recognition go all the honors, privileges and responsibilities that being a senior imparts. For they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the Mystical Christ and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age. Done in Covington, Louisiana on this 14th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 2019 – one hundred eight years after the founding of Saint Paul's School by the Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph Abbey, 101 years after the Christian Brothers assumed ownership of Saint Paul's in 1918, and 339 years after Saint John Baptist de La Salle founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools.* The juniors then rose and moved into the senior section, thus officially commencing their senior year. while "Rise Up O Men of God" played robustly. It was a moving experience – literally!
- We then sang Mercy for the last time this school year, which was emotionally moving and powerful. **Rising Junior Evan Seicshnaydre** extinguished the prayer candle while "Rondeau" played in the background. I again begged the student body to concentrate only on "the good" during these final days and to make safe choices throughout the summer. I then thanked the student body for a great year and closed by apologizing if I omitted recognizing anyone during year. I reminded the students of their obligation to love and serve the Lord and each other both now and throughout the summer. We exited to the strains of Mouret's "Rondeau", leaving the gym for the last time for 2018 - 19. It was a wonderful assembly – a least I thought so! I had a great time!

Award Winners: The following students won major awards at our recent major awards ceremony:

- LSU Spring Testing: **18 seniors earning 181 college credit hours, valued at \$132, 311.00**
- National Merit Hispanic Scholar Program: **Beau Franklin, Rafael Guzman Arevalo, David Needles & Chris Wilson**
- National Merit Commended Student: **John Paul Bourgeois, Nicholas Briggs, Beau Fanklin, Jacob Lauterbach, & Blake Ramsey**
- National Merit Finalist: **Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Cullen Irwin, Stephen Millet, David Needles, Andrew Norlin, & Christopher Wilson**
- District Attorney's Senior High Award: **Stephen Millet**
- District Attorney's Junior High Award: **Evan Leaber**
- American Legion Citizenship Award: **Trevor Achee & Jonathan Bertucci**
- Graham Thomas Jordan Memorial Scholarships: **Charles Hoy & Landon Rees**



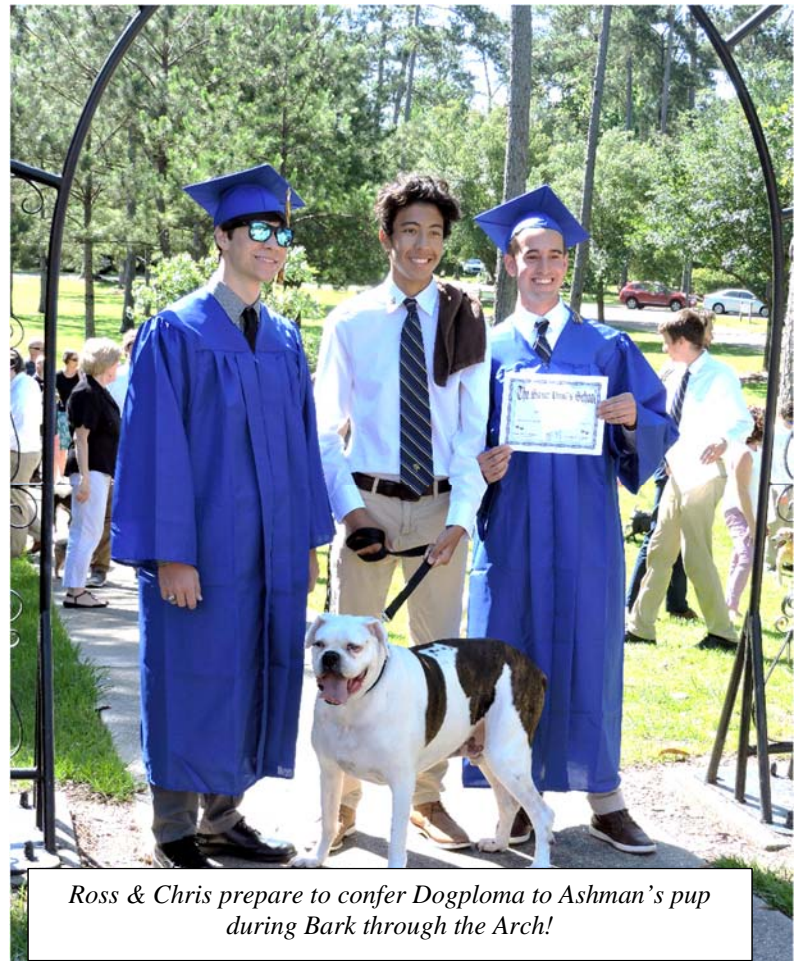
Ian Varney – State MVP in lacrosse!

- Hornbeck Offshore Services Engineering Medal: **Jacob Lauterbach & Zach Uson**
- Hornbeck Offshore Services Business Medal: **Jacob Mott, Beau Taranto, & Garrett Wilson**
- Ponchartrain Cancer Center Biomedical Sciences Medal: **Jakob Massey**
- Dr. George Seiden Memorial Biomedical Sciences Scholarship: **Jakob Massey**
- Dr. George Seiden Memorial Law Scholarship: **Reece Grimley**
- Francis H. Richard Memorial Habitat for Humanity Scholarship: **Michael Valliant**
- Special Habitat for Humanity Awards: **Lenny Carollo, Matthew Weimer, Andrew Norlin, Noah Savoie, & Jackson Gold**
- Daren Boudreaux Memorial Scholarship: **Darrin Lea**
- Ben Bragg Memorial Scholarship: **Ben Dufour**
- Eric Kolb Memorial Scholarship: **Deuce Montiero & Miguel Seruntine**
- Joseph Michael Cherry Memorial Scholarship: **Frankie Durio & Hunter Dupre**
- Slidell Elks Scholarship: **Blake Ramsey, Joshua Devier, Beau Franklin, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, & Andrew Norlin** (side note: of the ten scholarships given, SPS seniors garnered six! Wow!)
- Francis R. Sharp Memorial Scholarships: **Spencer Fox, Andrew Norlin, & Jason Toups**
- Larry McIntire Memorial Scholarship for Social Studies Excellence: **Beck Heebe**
- Golden Bean Award: **Cole Chitwood, Chase May, & Noah Savoie**
- Justin Addison Memorial Scholarship: **Callan Danenhower & Caleb Frost**
- Beacon of Hope Scholarship & Award: **Thomas Bitterwolf**
- 5 Year Perfect Attendance/Louis Ross Memorial Scholarships: **Matthew Algero, Jonathan Bertucci, Joshua Devier, Chase May, & Joshua Verges**
- 4 Year Perfect Attendance / Louis Ross Memorial Scholarship: **John Paul Bourgeois, Cole Honeycutt, Jack Schwartz, & Brett Stratton**
- Al Doskey Memorial Outstanding Science Student Award: **Josh Devier**
- Jan Neumann Outstanding Math Student Award: **Andrew Norlin**
- Modern Languages Outstanding Student: **Josh Rovira**
- Quiz Bowl/Brother Bill Parsons Memorial Scholarship: **Sam Avenel**
- CORE Pack Mentor Award: **Beck Heebe**
- Dr. Walker Percy/Brother Bill Parsons Writing Award: **Stephen Millet**
- Walker & Bunt Percy Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Writing: **Luke Vargas**
- Public Relations Award: **Hal Fox & Sean Hightower**
- DAR Excellent in Community Service: **Sean Noel**
- Order of St. La Salle Award for 100+ service hours:
 - Freshman: **Daniel Bitterwolf & Kyle Kersker**
 - Sophomores: **Andrew Addison, Luke Beckendorf, Thomas Bitterwolf, Max del Rio, CJ Paretti, Jacob Pichon, & Charles Sandoz**
 - Juniors: **Lane Amedio, Blake Bollinger, Caleb Frost, Sean Hightower, Charles Hoy, Andrew Lacoste, Sean Noel, & Marshall Unkauf**
 - Seniors: **Andrew Aceves, Grant Addison, Peter Bertucci, Joshua Devier, Evan Fisher, Jackson Gold, Hyde Healy, Ross Hightower, Griffin Lowry, Andrew Norlin, & Jason Toups**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Ethan Wilson, Patten Lane, Peter Verges, Sam Gold, Ben Salvant**
- 8th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Matthew Roberts & Nicholas Achee**

- 9th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Walker Dubreuil**
- 9th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Brady Bollinger, William Ditta, Alex Dusang, Andrew Hightower, Carter Murphy, Preston Orgeron, Kason Shaw, Alex Tepper, Gil Ward, & Andrew Ziblich**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Ben Broussard**
- 10th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Aidan Plauche & Brady Talley**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Blake Bollinger, James Bollinger, Ben Klein, Darrin Lea, & Adam Smith**
- 11th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Jesse Cheng, Brenden Dauterive, Blake DiSalvo, & Clayton Dunavant**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Gold Medal: **Josh Devier, Cullen Irwin, & Chris Wilson**
- 12th Grade Superior Academic Silver Medal: **Joseph Brown**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Evan Leaber**
- 8th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Matthew Longo & Nicholas Kemker**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Zachary Nichols**
- 9th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Briggs Cooper & Darrin Lea**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Davis Lagarde**
- 10th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Thomas Bitterwolf & Trey Paine**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Callan Danenhower & Sean Hightower**
- 11th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Andrew Lacoste**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Gold Medal: **Andrew Norlin**
- 12th Grade Superior Achievement Silver Medal: **Josh Rovira & Ross Hightower**

And I annually give out awards to our faculty, celebrating years of service in multiples of five. If you see these teachers, thank them:

- Completing 05 Years of Service to SPS: **Matt Pinero & Audrey Pool**
- Completing 10 Years of Service to SPS: **Andrew Dart and Andrew Moran**
- Completing 15 Years of Service to SPS: **Joe Dickens, Bro. Rich Kovatch, & Jeaneen Schmitt**
- Completing 20 Years of Service: **Jan Gardner, Richard Pichon, & Lee Pierre**
- Completing 25 Years of Service to SPS: **Pam Cullen**
- Finally, I presented the Brother Charles Crouzet Award (our highest faculty award) to **Mr. Mark Richards**, educator extraordinaire. Over the past almost 25 years of teaching at Saint Paul's, Mr. Mark Richards has become a stalwart figure



Ross & Chris prepare to confer Dogploma to Ashman's pup during Bark through the Arch!

among our teachers. He has been the introduction to Saint Paul's science for literally thousands of 8th graders as he led them through the mysteries and challenge of earth science and, more recently, the exciting world of circuitry and engineering. But more than being a science teacher, Mr. Richards adds so many other talents to our school. He is a living example of the Lasallian core principle of concern for the poor and social justice, as he spends hours in the on-campus vegetable garden, growing fresh food for the Northshore food bank. His concern for the environment, one of the United States Catholic Bishops social justice concerns, is legendary. He has cleaned rivers and towns, planted hundreds of trees both on land and in swamps, recycled loads of waste items, and promoted environmentally sustainable living whenever he could. As he transitions from full time teaching to part-time teaching, it is appropriate that we take a moment and recognize this outstanding Lasallian educator. Saint Paul's Science Department, and, indeed, our entire school, have benefitted from his talents. Mark Richards does not lead by words, but by example. Like Brother Charles Crouzet, he is a real minister of grace, touching the hearts of his students, just as Saint John Baptist de La Salle wanted his teachers to do. His hard work, caring and professionalism have made him a model worthy of imitation by the rest of us. We are privileged to have him on our faculty, and the young men entrusted to his care are blessed to have him as their teacher.

- Whew! There were MANY more awards, but space does not allow for a comprehensive list. We are proud of our students who excelled this year. We look forward to even more achievement next year.

Feedback: We spend time in the summer evaluating the past year and planning for next year. Toward that end, feel free to email me a suggestion if you think we need to “beef up” an area of life around here. While I can't promise we will implement every suggestion made, I assure you we will consider it. Be aware of limitations in terms of personnel, finances, facilities, and interrupting class time when emailing me your suggestion.

Good News: We received the following last week:

- \$214.41 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2019.
- \$104 from Office Depot as a result of their 5% back to schools program
- Again, these are PAINLESS fund raisers – all you need to do is designate SPS when you buy from either of these vendors. And while the amounts are not going to fund the running of the school, every little bit helps – especially when no work is involved.

Last Two Weeks:

- **Alumni Phone-a-Thon:** Al Nastasi and a group of alums staffed phone lines on Tue and Wed to encourage their fellow alums to support the Annual Fund. All indicators point to alumni support as the key component of



New junior drum major Thomas (center) is congratulated by outgoing DM Ross (right) & Sr DM Deuce (left)

sustainability, as tuition increases alone cannot support future needs. I am grateful to AI for organizing this event and to the alum volunteers for their help.

- **Band Awards Ceremony** went very well. Congratulations to Andrew Moran, Director of Bands. In case you didn't hear, Thomas Bitterwolf will join Deuce Montiero as drum major for the MWs next year.
- **Bark through the Arch:** I hope your son told you about this event! I thought it was fun thing to do and the seniors did it very well. Here's what a junior mom wrote me about it: *I wanted to say that I think it is great that you let the class of 2019 have their "Bark through the Arch" ceremony. It is usually a chore to get info out of my son about his day, but he could not stop talking about that yesterday! It has always been a wish of his to be able to take our dog to school. I hope you consider making it a new tradition. What a great way to end the year and have something fun before the start is exams! My husband and I both said we would have to miss work for sure if you have it next year!!* Have we started a new tradition?
- **Commencement:** The One Hundred Eighth Commencement Exercises of The Saint Paul's School were wonderful. Please pray for the 151 young men of the SPS Class of 2019 – the eighth group of graduates in our second century of existence. As I told them before handing diplomas, in a paraphrase of words taken from the First Letter of Peter, "they are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, living stones building the edifice of the mystical God and fulfilling the Lasallian Mission of Saint Paul's School in our age."
- **Faculty/Staff End of Year Party:** Thanks, Mothers' Club, for the Luau-themed party for our faculty and staff. (No, I did not wear Hawaiian attire!) Everything was perfect!
- **Founder's Day Mass:** Our final school mass was great. I think SJBDLS was pleased. And thanks to Development/Alumni Office for treating the boys to popsicles!
- **Grad Night: Senior Parents** staged a very successful, enjoyable and well-attended Grad Night. The Class of 2019 passed a good time and left with lots of loot – after a lot of "horse trading"!
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Thanks to Josh for arranging to have our graduation & Promotion Ceremony LIVE STREAMED over You Tube! Here is the link for both:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCypgUdW93qnK3a7G4iJRnnw>
- **Lacrosse:** End of year awards ceremony at TCC was most fitting for a state championship team!
- **Promotion Ceremony:** The Class of 2023 was WONDERFUL on Fri night! The boys sang with vigor and heart and genuinely seemed to enjoy their special moment. Thanks to all who attended.
- **Quiz Bowl:** Sophomores **Thomas Bitterwolf, Gabe Gros, Wesley Coles and Trey Paine** are in Atlanta during Memorial Day weekend completing in the NAQT High School National Championship Quiz Bowl Tournament. This two-day tournament features 336 teams from 40 states and one team from South Korea.
- **State Championships:** I think the week of May 12, 2019 will live long in SPS sports memory – TWO state championships (baseball and lacrosse) in three days! Wow! And the marathon, weather-related on and off semi-final lacrosse game and the thrilling (and I wish I had a better word) end



Thomas, Gabe, Wesley, & Trey in Atlanta for the National Academic Quiz Bow Tournament!

of the semi-final baseball game will be talked about (and embellished, no doubt!) in the years to come. Saint Paul's Forevermore!

- **State Championship Recognition:** _Thanks to AD Ketelsen for organizing recognition of Baseball & Lacrosse –on VERY short notice!
- **Student Council** performed one of their annual service projects on Friday: pressure washing the Wolf Dome in preparation for senior graduation reception. The boys worked hard and made several comments about how messy the student body is! Yes, I agree!
- **Wolf Jam:** Weather forced cancellation earlier this month, but the event was held Friday evening at the home of Drs. David and Beata Silvestri, parents of sophomore Michael. Many thanks!
- **Wolf Tracks:** _Congrats to Danielle Lavie for an excellent mid-month edition!



Trey and Caleb altar serve for Father Matthew at Founder's Day Mass.

Looking Ahead for Those Returning

- Tuition for 2019-20 is due on June 1st; the first payment for bank financed tuition is also due. Students cannot start school in August if tuition/bank loans are not current.
- **If your son is registered for next year and you change your mind during the summer about his attending SPS, PLEASE let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
- **BE VIGILANT during the summer – there are many temptations that will face your sons this summer. Drug testing will resume in the fall!**
- **Thu, Aug 8, is the first day of school.** It's a FULL DAY OF INSTRUCTION and attendance is expected.
- A complete 2019 - 20 school year calendar has been published in my newsletter for several months – and is at the bottom of this one, too. Be informed that the state has tightened the attendance policy and Saint Paul's is complying. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME.

Lost and Found Final Call: We'll clear out our lost and found, keeping what's usable and discarding what's not. If not claimed this week, we will get rid of them. **We've got prescription glasses, phones, watches, sweatshirts, uniform shirts and lunch boxes galore!**

The Maelstrom: Our literary arts magazine is up and running! The Maelstrom features student writing, visual arts and, soon, musical arts. Check it out at www.themaelstromsp.com and subscribe for updates!

News worth Noting: The 2017 *Children's Mental Health Report* from Child Mind Institute examines the role of smartphones and social media in adolescent mental health care. Concerning Smart Phones: *If this*

generation is going to be named after anything, the iPhone just might be it: according to a fall 2015 marketing survey, two out of three US teens owned an iPhone, about as complete a market saturation as possible for a product. Teenagers and young adults — ages 16 to 24 — are the most intense users of social media. **Benefits of social media use include enhancing friendships and decreasing loneliness. But there is also evidence that overuse has a negative impact on self-esteem and satisfaction with their lives. And this social media use is also linked to an increase in mental health problems, including anxiety, depression and suicidality.** Social media's popularity among adolescents isn't surprising, since it has been shown to affect the reward centers that are so active in teen brains. An imaging study has shown that these regions are activated when participants viewed images with a lot of "Likes". The response is strongest when Likes are on images posted by participant. When viewing photographs of risky behaviors ostensibly taken and posted by peers, activation in the cognitive control network decreased. Increased time on social media has had dramatic effects on teen behavior, including fewer risky social activities and more mental health symptoms. "Displacement" may account for these effects. If social media replaces negative activities or isolation, it can be positive. If it replaces face-to-face interaction or exercise, it can be negative.



Students concentrate during exams last week.

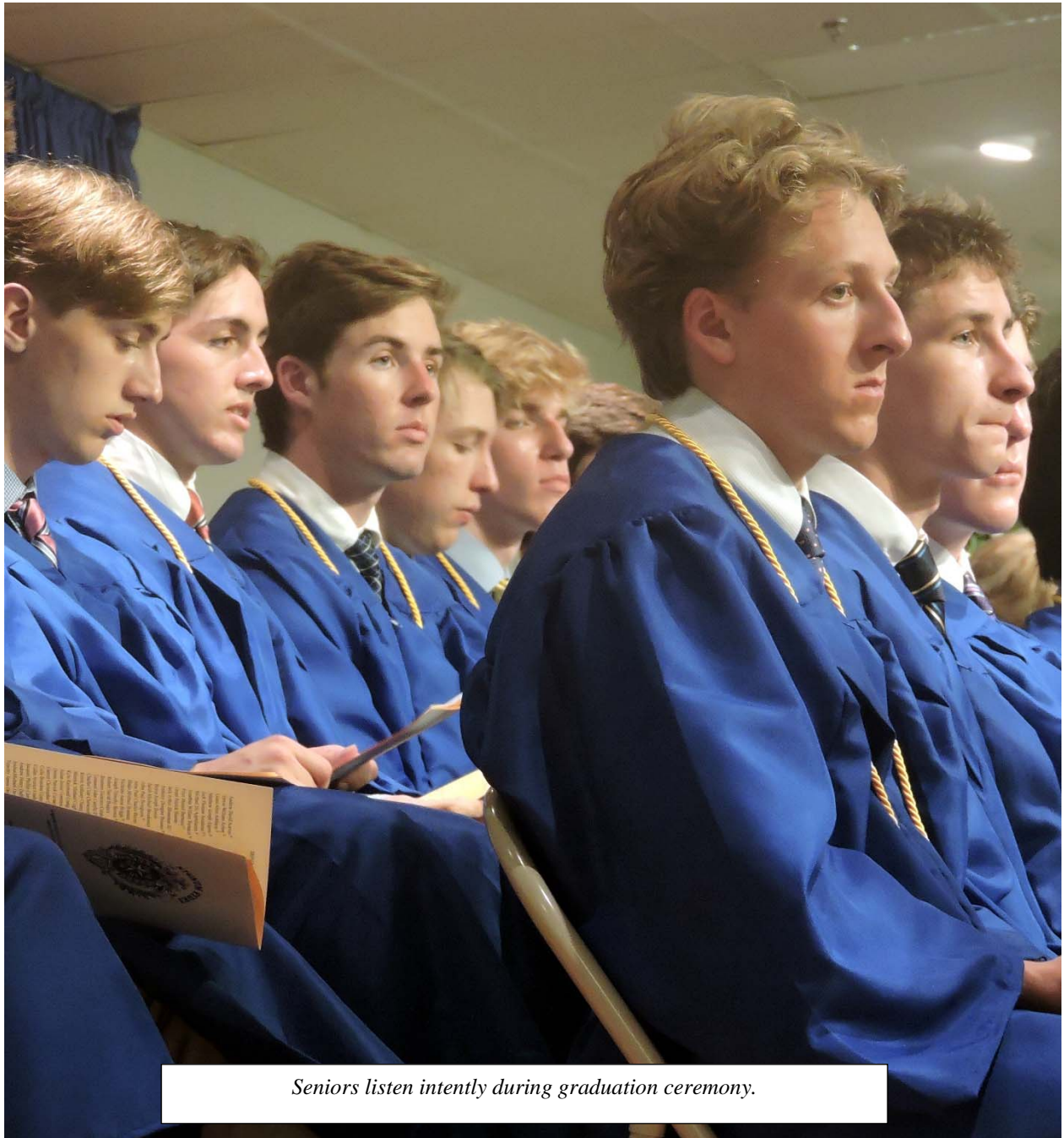
News worth Noting II: Volunteerism boosts self-esteem. The Journal of Adolescence reported that volunteering to assist strangers yielded more long-term benefits in teens than helping family or friends. In addition to having positive psychological impacts on teens, volunteering can increase physical exercise and

prevent loneliness. Helping others does not have to be done on a grand scale, a small act of kindness is a great place to start. [Read more on this story.](#)

Report Cards will be emailed at the end of this week. Details of grades are posted on PlusPortals.

School Supplies for 2019 - 20: The school administration and Mothers Club are working to streamline the school supply process. Info should be sent out soon. Order sheets for special packages are at end of newsletter.

Security: “Lock Your Car” Signs are around Covington – including around SPS – courtesy of the Covington PD. Car burglaries are occurring, and almost always in unlocked cars. Parents – please stress with your sons the need to lock his car. And lock yours when you come to campus for an event, especially evening event.



Seniors listen intently during graduation ceremony.

Service Hours: Summer is a great time for your son to earn his mandatory ten hours of service – and to do even more, perhaps even earning the Brother Alfred Service Award or Order of St. La Salle Service Award.

Senior Spotlights: I hope you have viewed these wonderful tributes to some of our top seniors. I am grateful to the Development Office for publishing them. Here is the link: <https://www.stpauls.com/academics/senior-spotlights/>

Summer Camps: SPS offers the following camps:

- Boys (7-14) Sports: baseball, football, wrestling, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, speed/strength
- Robotics (rising 5th – 8th graders)
- Drama (boys and girls 9-13)
- For more information, consult our website: www.stpauls.com

Summer Office Hours: We will gradually start reducing our office hours. While you can pretty much count on the office being open every morning during the summer, we will soon start closing the office at noon, so please contact us in the mornings if you need us. I will be available throughout most of the summer if needed. Call or email me if I can be of assistance. I'll be working enough to "earn my keep" and justify my existence at SPS but will take an occasional day off. I will be out of the office from June 17 - 20, attending a meeting with the administrators of Lasallian schools for the south, southwest, and west. Otherwise, I'll be around.

Summer Reading: All students have summer reading assignments for English, and students who are enrolled in honors or A.P. U.S. History or civics courses do as well. Please take note of the following to ensure that your son completes these assignments as efficiently as possible.

To make obtaining his English reading materials as facile as possible, our virtual bookstore opened for summer reading and for the school year on May 23. Any novel, play, or workbook he will need for English will be listed including new and used editions, and in some cases, eBooks. We offer this service for convenience, variety, and savings. **MBS Direct is offering a free week of shipping from June 3-7.**

Simply go to our website at www.stpauls.com, click the "*Order Your Books Here*" button, and you'll be directed to our virtual bookstore. You'll choose his titles for summer reading and for the school year based on his placement in English. Payment will be handled online through MBS Direct, and the books will be shipped by UPS straight to your home.

Next, all summer reading questions for English and social studies (if your son is in Honors or AP U.S. History/Civics) are posted on our website. **Please note that your son will independently have to obtain his own summer reading books for social studies if he is in honors or AP.** Click on the link for summer reading link under the *Academics* tab, www.stpauls.com, and find the class(es) applicable to your son.

If you have any questions about your son's placement in English or social studies, please contact our Assistant Principal, Joe Dickens, at joed@stpauls.com.



Statistic: A new survey of British youngsters found the time they spend online tripled in a decade to more than 27.5 hours a week at the end of 2014. It's not just people in their late teens and early 20s who are gorging on the Web: The average adult Internet user claims to spend over 20 hours online every week, double the time from a decade ago, according to U.K. telecoms regulator Ofcom. Last year alone, the average time spent online climbed by 3.5 hours per week. And I can't imagine American kids are any different. Imagine spending a whole day each week online!

Used Uniforms: Has your sons outgrown his SPS uniforms but they are still in good condition? Donate them back to the school, where we will offer them to other students, thus saving parents money. Just bring them to the Administration Building during office hours. Thanks!

Val & Sal Speeches: This year's talks were GREAT! Here's the link if you wish to read them:
<https://www.stpauls.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Val-Sal-Speeches-2019.pdf>

Weekly Humor: I'll end the year with some memorable quotes from sports figures, past and present. Yes, I used these last year for the final newsletter but I was too busy (lazy?) to look up some new ones. And besides, they are still funny!

- *"Last year we couldn't win at home and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play." -- Harry Neale, pro hockey coach*
- *"I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect." -- Doug Sanders, pro golfer*
- *"I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad you're having them." -- Tommy Lasorda, LA Dodgers manager*

- *"My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and can make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you only stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good."* -- Vic Braden, tennis instructor
- *"When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did but unfortunately it was Mrs. Koufax's."* -- Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery
- *"I don't know. I only played there for nine years."* -- Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles
- *"The film looks suspiciously like the game itself."* -- Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons
- *"When I'm on the road, my greatest ambition is to get a standing boo."* -- Al Hrabosky, major league pitcher
- *"I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ball park, that the knowledge of the game by a fan is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats."* -- Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner
- *"I have a lifetime contract. That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead and moving the ball."* -- Lou Holtz, Arkansas football coach
- *"I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday."* -- Knute Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame had lost
- *"I tell him 'Attaway to hit, George.'"* -- Jim Frey, K.C. Royals manager when asked what advice he gives George Brett on hitting
- *"I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you."* -- Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers
- *"Our biggest concern this season will be diaper rash."* -- George MacIntyre, Vanderbilt football coach surveying the team rooster that included 26 freshmen and 25 sophomores
- *"The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday."* -- Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach



State Champion Lacrosse Wolves!

Words by a Student: Junior Deuce Montiero wrote a reflection in religion class about his year. Wow. Here is a particularly poignant paragraph (I love alliteration!) *When people say that St. Paul's is just a school, it's because they were not lucky to experience something this amazing or just too oblivious to see the true greatest at work. They don't see my brother still talking about his junior religion teacher that teaches what a man looks like, who is now teaching me the exact same thing. They don't see Mission Wednesday or chapel on the First Friday of every month where we give what we have for others. They don't see the powerful retreats and service projects. They don't see the talks and bonding between brothers and teachers in class. They don't see not only the core education but the spiritual lessons we learn. They don't see us leaning on each other, walking arm in arm, head on with each other into the world with our teachers, our campus, and our polished pearls of hearts and souls into the world to make a difference and a home to come to when we need it most. That is why this school is indispensable to me, because deep down, it is not a school, it is something far greater that there isn't even a word that Brother Ray could pull out for an honor roll breakfast to describe this brother-loving, man-creating, life-changing haven where we grow up. Without this school, I would not be who I am. This school has turned me into a man, and I will forever be grateful and hope I can repay it one day. That is why you, my brothers, my teachers, the facilities, the Brothers, the campus, the chapel, and the lessons I've learned here and the home I can always return to are indispensable to me. That is why as Men of God we always rise up, have Jesus live in our hearts forever and be St. Paul's forevermore.*

A Look Ahead -- the Calendar for 2019 - 20:

- M-W, Aug 05 – 07 Faculty meetings/prep days
- Thu, Aug 08 Full day of class instruction for SPS (public schools open on Aug 09)
- Thu, Aug 22 March through the Arch; Senior Unity Day; Senior Ring Ceremony
- Fri, Aug 30 Lasallian Formation Day (no classes)
- Mon, Sep 02 Labor Day Holiday
- Fri, Oct 11 1st Q ends; Grandparent Day
- Mon, Nov 04 Archdiocesan Formation Day
- Mon-Fri, Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Mon-Thurs, Dec 16-19 Semester Exams
- Mon, Jan 06 Classes resume & Second Semester begins
- Mon, Jan 20 Martin Luther King Holiday
- Fri, Feb 21 Faculty Retreat Day (no classes for students)
- Mon-Fri, Feb 24-28 Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
- Fri, Mar 13 End of Third Quarter
- Fri – Fri Apr 10 - Apr 17 Easter Holidays
- Wed-Fri, Apr 29 – May 1 Senior Final Exams
- Thu, May 14 Pre-freshmen Promotion Ceremony (6 pm)
- Sat, May 16 Senior Graduation (4 pm)
- Tues – Fri, May 19 – 22 Final Exams for Grades 9 –



State Champion Baseball Wolves!

Well, I wasn't brief with this newsletter as promised! Sorry! But you get a break as the newsletter goes on summer vacation. I'll only be sending things out periodically during the summer. **And for the Class of 2019, this is the final newsletter you'll receive.** Thanks for putting up with them – and with me, too. Naturally, you can always access the current newsletter on the SPS website if you get nostalgic or need a newsletter “fix”!

On a personal note, I apologize to anyone whom I've overlooked recognizing this year or offended or disappointed in any way by something I did, didn't do, said, or didn't say. I'm very aware of my failings and limitations, and I will definitely try to do better this coming year.

Thanks for having been part of the 2018-19 edition of Saint Paul's. If the next 108 years go as well as this past year, Saint Paul's will have had an incredible second century of existence.

Enjoy the final days of May and the summer months. May they be ones of grace and blessing. Know of my prayer for you throughout the summer, particularly for the safety and good decision-making of our students!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC
The 17th Christian Brother President of St Paul's School

Have a great Lasallian summer but remember: the Core Principles of Quality Education, Respect for all, Concern for Poor & Social Justice, Inclusive Community & Faith in the Presence of God NEVER take a vacation!

Care, Vigilance, Faith and Zeal -- Hallmarks of the Lasallian Teacher and Parent throughout the summer!

***** 2019-20 SPS year begins on Aug 8 with a full day of instruction *****

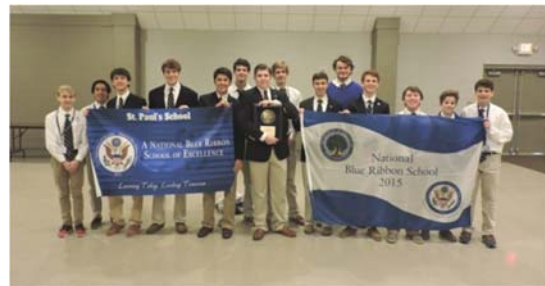


2019 Graduates celebrate at end of ceremony!



*...by doing ordinary things
extraordinarily well, making
courageous choices, doing
God's will, remaining
faithful, letting Our Lady of
the Star guide us to God and
asking our Holy Founding*

Brothers to help us continue the Lasallian Mission



St. Paul's Supply Order Form for 2019-20 School Supply Boxes

Save time and money by ordering your school supplies through *Ramrock School Supplies*. Locally owned and operated, they'll handle all your school supply needs by providing exactly what is on St. Paul's School supply list using high-quality items.

8th – 12th Grade School Supply Boxes		
Pre-Order Deadline	June 15, 2019	\$75-\$78

How to Order – There are 2 ways to order school supply boxes:

- 1) **Paper Order:** Drop this order form off at St. Paul's bookstore or mail to: *Amanda Rushing, 125 Roger Storme Rd., Madisonville, LA 70447*. Checks Only! Please make checks out to St Paul's Mothers Club.
- 2) **Online Order:** Order online at www.ramrockschoolsupplies.com. Credit Card and PayPal (*Sales tax will be added to all online orders.*)

Packets will be available for pick up on August 5th -7th (Book Week) at the St Paul's Bookstore.

Questions? Contact Mary at Ramrock School Supplies at mary@ramrockschoolsupplies.com or (985) 951-2595.

*****FOR YOUR RECORDS, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF A NOTE OF YOUR ORDER AND YOUR FORM OF
St. Paul's Mothers' Club – Ramrock School Supply Order Form**

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St. Paul's School

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Student's Name

Circle the Student's 2019-20 Grade

Additional Student(s)/Grade

Parent's Name

Phone Number

Email

2019-20 Grade (Next School Year)	Quantity	Price
8 th Grade Supply Box		\$73
9 th – 12 th Grade Supply Box		\$70
Total from Back Page:		\$
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Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check (<i>Payable to St. Paul Mothers' Club</i>)		

	Optional Item Add-On's	Price	Qty	Total	Notes
	1" Avery DuraView Binder, White	\$5.00			
	1.5" Avery DuraView Binder, White or Black	\$7.00			
	2" Avery DuraView Binder, White, Blue, Green or Purple	\$9.00			
	Mead 1 Subject Spiral Notebook (Red, Ylw, Grn, Blue, PP or Black)	\$1.00			
	Five Star 2 Subject Spiral Notebook, CR, 9.5" x 6" Sheets	\$4.00			
	Mead 3 Subject Spiral Notebook (Red, Green or Blue)	\$3.00			
	Steno Notebook	\$2.00			
	Mead Loose-Leaf Paper, WR, 200 Count	\$3.00			
	Mead Loose-Leaf Paper, CR, 200 Count	\$3.00			
	Mead Graph Paper, 4sq/in 100 Sheets	\$3.00			
	Mead 3" x 5" Index Cards, 100 Count	\$1.00			
	Universal 5" x 8" Index Cards, Colors, 100 Count	\$4.00			
	Avery 5 Tab, 2 Pocket Poly Dividers	\$3.00			
	Avery 8 Tab Poly Dividers	\$2.00			
	Avery 10 Tab Dividers (Numbered 1-10)	\$4.00			
	Poly Folder, 2 Pockets, Brads (Red, Blue, Grn, Ylw, Blk, Wht, or Orange)	\$1.50			
	Poly Folder, 2 Pockets (Red, Blue, Grn, Ylw, Blk, Wht or Orange)	\$1.25			
	Manila Folder 8.5" x 11"	\$0.50			
	Ticonderoga Sharpened Pencils, 12 Count	\$2.50			
	Bic Mechanical Pencils, Yellow 12 Count	\$4.00			
	Paper Mate Clear Point Mechanical Pencil (ea)	\$2.00			
	Bic Stick Pens, 12 Count (Black, Blue or Red)	\$2.00			
	Bic Velocity Retractable Pen (Black, Blue or Red)	\$1.00			
	Bazic Manual Pencil Sharpener	\$1.50			
	Paper Mate Pink Pearl Large Eraser	\$0.50			
	Staedtler White Vinyl Eraser	\$1.50			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 12 Count, Asstd Colors, Chisel Tip	\$8.00			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 4 Count, Asstd Colors, Chisel Tip	\$3.00			
	Avery Hi-Liters, 6 Count, Asstd Colors, Pen Style	\$4.00			
	Expo Dry Erase Marker (Blue or Black-circle color choice)	\$1.50			
	Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 Count	\$2.00			
	Westcott 6" Metal Ruler w/ non-skid backing	\$3.00			
	Westcott 6" Clear Plastic Ruler	\$1.50			
	Westcott Protractor	\$1.00			
	Four Function Calculator (TI-503)	\$5.00			
	TI-30X-IIS Scientific Calculator	\$14.00			
	TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator	\$120.00			
	Fiskars SchoolWorks 5" Scissors	\$2.00			
	Mead Academie SS 7" Scissors	\$3.00			
	Scotch Magic Tape (1 Roll)	\$2.00			
	Scotch Masking Tape (1 Roll)	\$2.00			
	Latex Gloves, 100 Count, L or XL	\$10.00			
	SanDisk USB Flash Drive 16 GB	\$7.00			
	SanDisk USB Flash Drive 32 GB	\$12.00			
	Its Academy Jumbo Book Cover	\$1.50			
	TOTAL:				
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